

H.B.5619 Conveyance

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I am John E. Hibbard of 1072 Gilead Street, Hebron Connecticut and I am submitting the following testimony in Opposition to Sections 5 and 8 of H.B.5619 otherwise known as the Conveyance Act on my own behalf.

I have been involved in preservation and interests in land for public purposed as State Parks, State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, State Trails and Greenways and other areas administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), for over fifty years as a professional and as a retired citizen of Hebron.

Section 5: I am opposed to Section 5 as written as it is unclear if it is intended to study of state lands in the above mentioned categories solely on the basis on local zoning designation being the only criteria which would result in a recommend transfer of such property. It is unclear if such a recommendation would negate any restrictions on the change of use of such property regardless of any deed restrictions or requirements set forward in the initial acquisition of such property.

Section 8: Property should not be conveyed or transferred or changed in used without fair market value compensation to the agency from which it is taken in this case the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). In addition it is not indicated what uses are specifically proposed for said property by Groton. I am opposed to Section 8 as written and I in addition I am concerned that it may become a vehicle for other transfers or conveyances through the amendment process.

I urge the Committee to Reject Section 5 and Section 8.

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